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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 2986

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, SHUM, PK, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI VIEW OF BHUTTO SENTENCE

SAUDI AMBASSADOR HERE TELLS ME THAT, CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS AND TO OUR PREVIOUS REPORT, SAUDIS HAVE NOT MADE ANY RECENT DEMARCHE TO GOP ABOUT CLEMENCY FOR BHUTTO. SAUDI AMB HAD, BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VERDICT MARCH 18, TOLD GEN. ZIA THAT EXECUTION OF BHUTTO WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS IN SAUDI ARABIA. AMB TOLD GEN. ZIA AFTER THE VERDICT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT MATTER WILL CERTAINLY BE DISCUSSED DURING ZIA'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN APRIL 16. AMB SAYS PRIVATELY THAT KING KHALID WOULD NOT ACCEPT EXECUTION OF BHUTTO AND THAT AMB BELIEVES COMBINED WEIGHT OF MUSLIM PRESSURES FROM MANY QUARTERS WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN COMMUTATION.

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